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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

George R. Koch III

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Enomoto (US 6,801,334 B1)

Enomoto discloses a method of processing transient errors (such as printer drift - see page 334) produced in a color measurement system monitoring a color producing process, comprising 1) implementing a model of the color producing process (steps 200, 202, 204, 208) 2) monitoring an input to the color producing process (212) 3) predicting an expected color signal based on the model and monitored input (steps 224 and 226) measuring an output color (step 210), produced by the color producing process to produce a measured color signal, 5) comparing the measured color signal to the expected color signal to produce a color error value (steps 214, 216, 218 and 220) and selectively replacing the measured color signal based on the color error (step 230).

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As to claim 2, Enomoto discloses replacing the measured color signal with a predicted color signal based on the expected color signal step 230).

As to claim 3, Enomoto discloses storing the modifications (see step 232).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 4 and 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enomoto as applied to claims 1 and 5 above, and further in view of Balasubramanian-1996 (the second NPL IDS document) and Stokes (US Patent 5,612,902).

Enomoto does not disclose the models used or historical data. However, one would appreciate that any well known model can be utilized.

Balasubramanian discloses that models can be used, and specifies a Neugebauer model as a well-known model that can be used. Stokes discloses various printer models that can function as approximations of a printer device. Stokes discloses that an empirical model can be used, i.e., an on-line statistical parameterized model, and discloses that this model is used to create customized compensation values (see column 2, lines 4-21). One in the art would appreciate that such a model would be built on a large number of measurements and would thus provide optimal accuracy, at a trade off which is increased complexity. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have utilized such an empirical model in order to achieve optimal accuracy.

Stokes also discloses a Viggiano analytical model (described in column 5, line 14 to column 5, line 51), i.e., a multidimensional numerical model (see claim 1, especially in column 9, lines 3-8, which claim this model as a multidimensional lookup table, i.e., a multidimensional numerical model) and discloses that this model allows for faster modeling of the printer functioning (this model requires five sample steps). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have utilized such model in order to achieve faster modeling of the printer function.

Response to Arguments

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6. Applicant's arguments filed 9/1/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
7. The restriction requirement was made final in the previous office action. Group I and III are considered distinct. The apparatus of group III does not have to perform the method of group I.
8. Applicant's arguments, see remarks, filed 9/1/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, and 5 under Balasubramanian have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Enomoto.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George R. Koch III whose telephone number is (571) 272-1230 (TDD only). If the applicant cannot make a direct TDD-to-TDD call, the applicant can communicate by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-866-377-8642 and giving the operator the above TDD number. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 10-7.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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